

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2259 - SB 2257

March 16, 2009

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes the Department of Correction (DOC) to issue identification cards to offenders when released from state custody. Cards would be valid for one year and would not be renewable.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Revenue - \$6,000

Increase State Expenditures - \$6,000

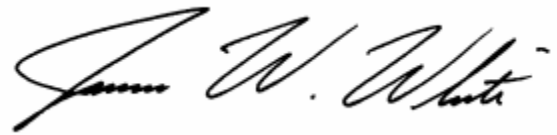
Assumptions:

- The fee for an identification card will be six dollars and will be paid by the offender. The Commissioner has the authority to waive the fee for any offender. Most inmates will be indigent and will not pay the fee, but funds collected from offenders will offset any costs incurred.
- According to DOC, there are approximately 7,000 offenders released each year and 40 percent (2,800) of those released are estimated to need an identification card. Approximately one-third (933) of the offenders will be able to pay the six dollar fee ($933 \times \$6 = \$5,598$).
- According to DOC, if the Department of Safety (DOS) has a photo on file for an offender who is eligible for release, DOC counselors will work with the offender to complete the necessary paperwork and will send the application along with a trust fund check to DOS to obtain a driver license or identification card. DOS will return the driver license or identification card to the appropriate DOC facility. DOC will hold the card until the offender is released. If DOS does not have a photo on file for an offender who is eligible for release, DOC will complete the necessary paperwork and will instruct the offender where to go to obtain a valid ID upon release.

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CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a distinct "W".

James W. White, Executive Director

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